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## "Pharma Bro" Martin Shkreli Suspended From Twitter After Harassing A Teen Vogue Writer

"He's an entitled creep and absolutely deserves to have his account suspended —perhaps indefinitely," writer Lauren Duca said.

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This is journalist Lauren Duca.



US spy agencies say  
Russia Tried To Help  
Trump But Fail To Prove  
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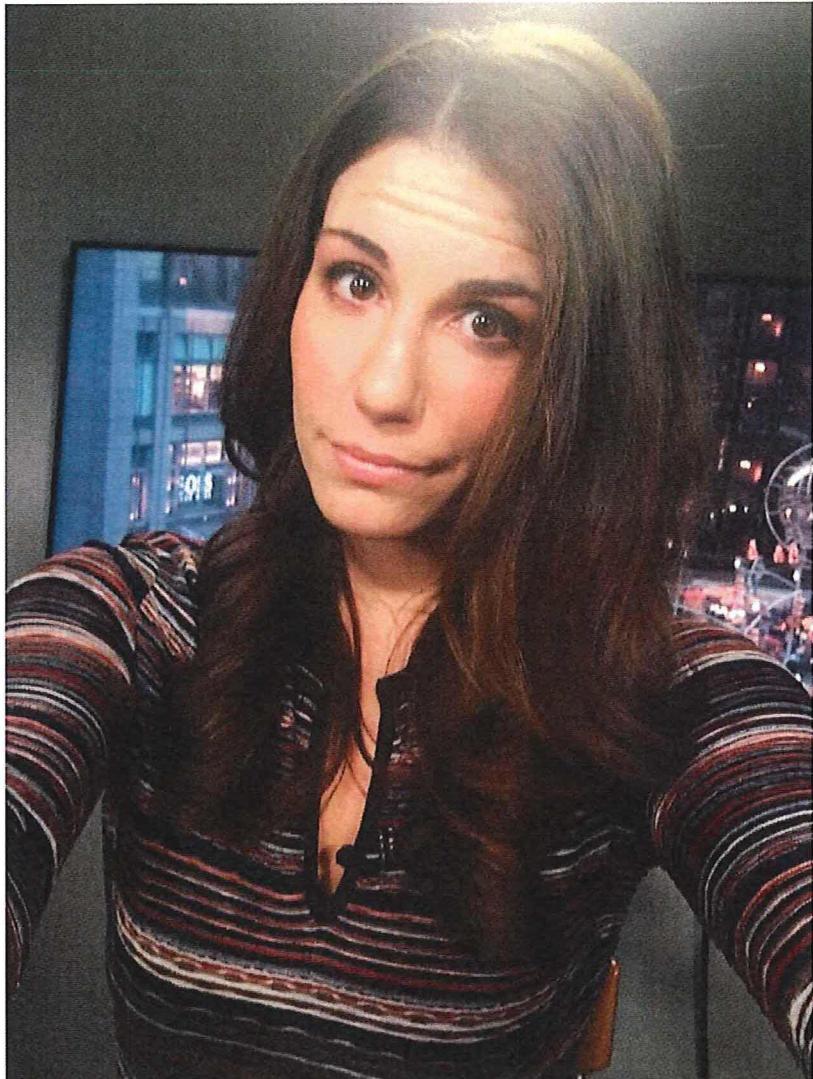
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Last month, Duca had a massive viral hit when she penned a [Teen Vogue opinion piece](#) that argued Donald Trump had conned the American public.

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## Donald Trump Is Gaslighting America

In this scorched-earth op-ed, Lauren Duca takes on Trump's systematic attempts to destabilize the truth and weaken the foundation of American freedom. Getty Images

Lauren Duca  
DEC 10, 2016 11:38AM EST



The CIA officially determined that Russia intervened in our election, and President-elect Donald Trump dismissed the story as if it were a piece of fake news. "These are the same people that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction," [his transition team wrote in a statement](#). "The election ended a long time ago in one of the biggest Electoral College victories in history. It's now time to move on and 'Make America Great Again'."

It wasn't one of the biggest Electoral College victories in history, so presumably that's another red-herring lie to distract from Trump treating the *Central Intelligence Agency of the United States* like it is some rogue blogger to be cast to the trolls. A foreign government's interference in our election is a threat to our freedom, and the President-elect's attempt to undermine the American people's access to that information undermines the very foundation upon which this country was built. It's also nothing new.

[teenvogue.com](http://teenvogue.com)

**This is Martin Shkreli, a former pharmaceutical executive who earned widespread scorn for hiking the price of a lifesaving drug before he was charged in 2015 with fraud.**



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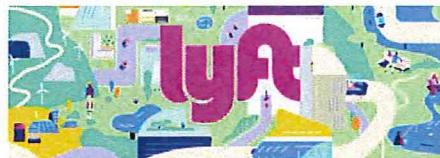
Shkreli has routinely voiced his support for Donald Trump to his almost 200,000 Twitter followers.

**Duca told BuzzFeed News on Sunday that she has never met Shkreli, but that he has recently been tweeting about trying to date her.**

"He has been harassing me for a while. It's an ongoing thing," she said. "He's been actively tweeting about dating me."



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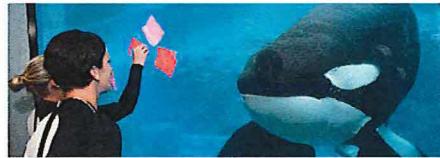
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"I don't know if he's encouraging people to do this, but there's been a small contingent of trolls telling me to sleep with him — but not that politely," she said.

**On Thursday, Shkreli contacted Duca via direct message and asked her to accompany him to Trump's inauguration. "I saw that as an act of trolling, so I didn't see the need to respect his privacy," she said of her decision to share his message with her Twitter followers.**



Martin Shkreli  
@MartinShkreli

hey

i have a +1 to the inaug if u wanna be my +1

11:07 AM

Lauren Duca  
@laurenduca

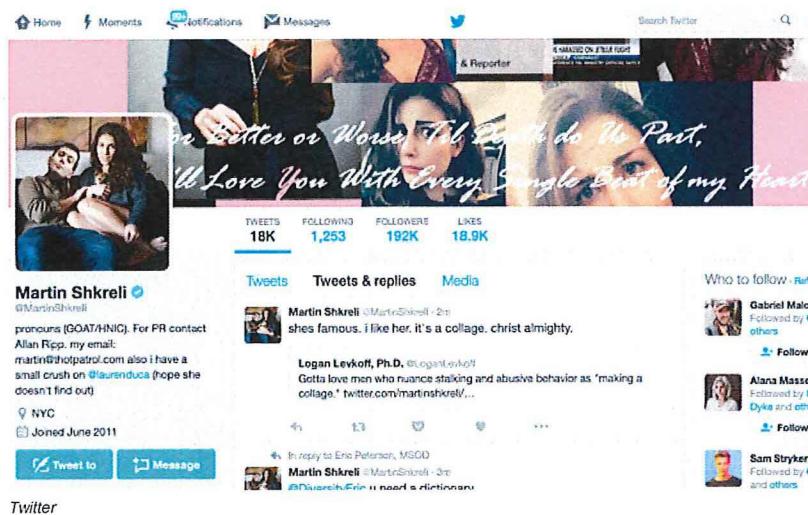
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I would rather eat my own organs

11:08 AM - 5 Jan 2017

18,295 70,573

**On Sunday, Duca said she noticed that Shkreli had altered his profile to include a collage of photos of her, along with the words, "For Better or Worse, Til Death do Us Part, I'll Love You With Every Single Beat of my Heart."**



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Martin Shkreli @MartinShkreli 2m

shes famous. i like her. it's a collage. christ almighty.

Logan Lerkoff, Ph.D. @LoganLerkoff 2m

Gotta love men who nuances stalk and abusive behavior as "making a collage." [twitter.com/martinshkreli/...](http://twitter.com/martinshkreli/)

In reply to Eric Peterson, MSGO

Martin Shkreli @MartinShkreli 3m

@DuisenberryEric needs a dictionary

Who to follow · Refs

Gabriel Malor Followed by 2 others

Alana Massey Followed by 1 others

Sam Stryker Followed by 1 others

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Twitter

He also changed his Twitter profile picture to an image of Duca and her husband, but with his face photoshopped over her spouse.



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Duca said she was "disturbed" when she saw the images, which she said are from Google, Twitter, and Facebook.

"I don't know how could this could possibly be allowed because this is an act of targeted harassment," she said. "I know Twitter is struggling to figure out what makes the most sense [with its user guidelines]...but this is an entire profile dedicated to upsetting me."

**Duca tweeted the pictures out on Sunday, asking Twitter founder and CEO Jack Dorsey why Shkreli's actions were permissible on the social network.**



Lauren Duca @laurenduca 5 Jan  
I would rather eat my own organs [pic.twitter.com/lgeCRZqk8w](http://pic.twitter.com/lgeCRZqk8w)

Lauren Duca @laurenduca Follow  
How is this allowed @jack [pic.twitter.com/Wof8MIYHTL](http://pic.twitter.com/Wof8MIYHTL)  
10:55 AM - 8 Jan 2017

2,959 7,007



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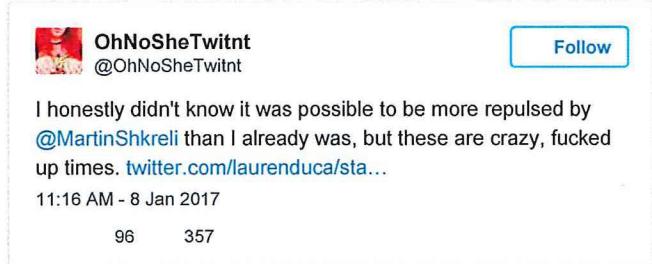
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**The tweet soon went viral, prompting strong reactions from Duca's supporters.**



OhNoSheTwitnt @OhNoSheTwitnt Follow  
I honestly didn't know it was possible to be more repulsed by @MartinShkreli than I already was, but these are crazy, fucked up times. [twitter.com/laurenduca/sta...](http://twitter.com/laurenduca/sta...)  
11:16 AM - 8 Jan 2017

96 357



**Helena Fitzgerald** @helfitzgerald · 1h  
@laurenduca @jack holy FUCK, this is horrifying I am so sorry

**Dana Schwartz** @DanaSchwartzzz · 1h  
@helfitzgerald @laurenduca @jack this is insanely fucked up

**Lauren Duca** @laurenduca · 1h  
@DanaSchwartzzz @helfitzgerald @jack Like, that's a picture of me and my husband. I feel sick.

Twitter



**Judd Legum** @JuddLegum · 2h  
@laurenduca @jack what a creep

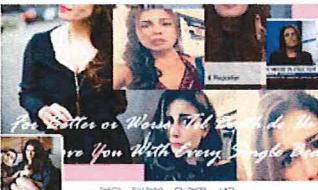
**Jeff B** @rexetsacerdos · 2h  
@JuddLegum @laurenduca Is this genuine ? Is this really Martin Shkreli ? If so this is very disturbing. @jack

Twitter

**Shkreli then replied directly to Duca's tweet, writing, "dont [sic] disrespect the sovereignty of my love for you. your [sic] being unfair."**



**Lauren Duca** @laurenduca · 24m  
How is this allowed @jack





234 484 1K



**Martin Shkreli** @MartinShkreli · 18m  
@laurenduca dont disrespect the sovereignty of my love for you. your being unfair.

34 22 139

Twitter

**In a series of tweets, he also defended his actions as a simple "collage."**



**Martin Shkreli**   
@MartinShkreli

  Follow

i made a collage. what?!

**Logan Levkoff, Ph.D.** @LoganLevkoff

This is atrocious, @Jack. Must be fixed. And time to kick off @MartinShkreli for abusive online behavior. [twitter.com/laurenduca/sta...](https://twitter.com/laurenduca/status/815000000000000000)

RETWEETS  
15 LIKES  
53



Twitter



**Martin Shkreli**   
@MartinShkreli

  Follow

shes famous. i like her. it's a collage. christ almighty.

**Logan Levkoff, Ph.D.** @LoganLevkoff

Gotta love men who nuance stalking and abusive behavior as "making a collage."  
[twitter.com/martinshkreli/...](https://twitter.com/martinshkreli/status/815000000000000000)

RETWEETS  
4 LIKES  
37



11:19 AM - 8 Jan 2017

 4  4   37 

Twitter



**Martin Shkreli**   
@MartinShkreli

  Follow

why? after she was on tucker carlson i admired her resolve. if she doesnt like me back she can just block me or have her friend tell me  
[twitter.com/MrsMontello/st ...](https://twitter.com/MrsMontello/status/815000000000000000)

This Tweet is unavailable.

RETWEETS  
9 LIKES  
46



11:27 AM - 8 Jan 2017

 8  9   46 

Twitter



Martin Shkreli

@MartinShkreli



Follow

My fans send me this stuff. I don't make it. I do admire Lauren though. If she doesn't like it she can DM me or block me.



RETWEETS  
33

LIKES  
186



11:35 AM - 8 Jan 2017 from Wantagh, NY

Twitter

**BuzzFeed News contacted Shkreli on Twitter, but he then [tweeted out](#) the exchange with the words, "And also what is the buzzing feed."**

Hi, I'm with BuzzFeed News. We wanted to know why you decided to make a collage of Lauren Duca and make it your Twitter header and profile picture. Do you believe you're making her uncomfortable, or that it's harassment?

LOLOLOLOL 7m

why would it make her uncomfortable? 6m

and who are you and what is the buzz feed? 6m

hello please to respond 6m

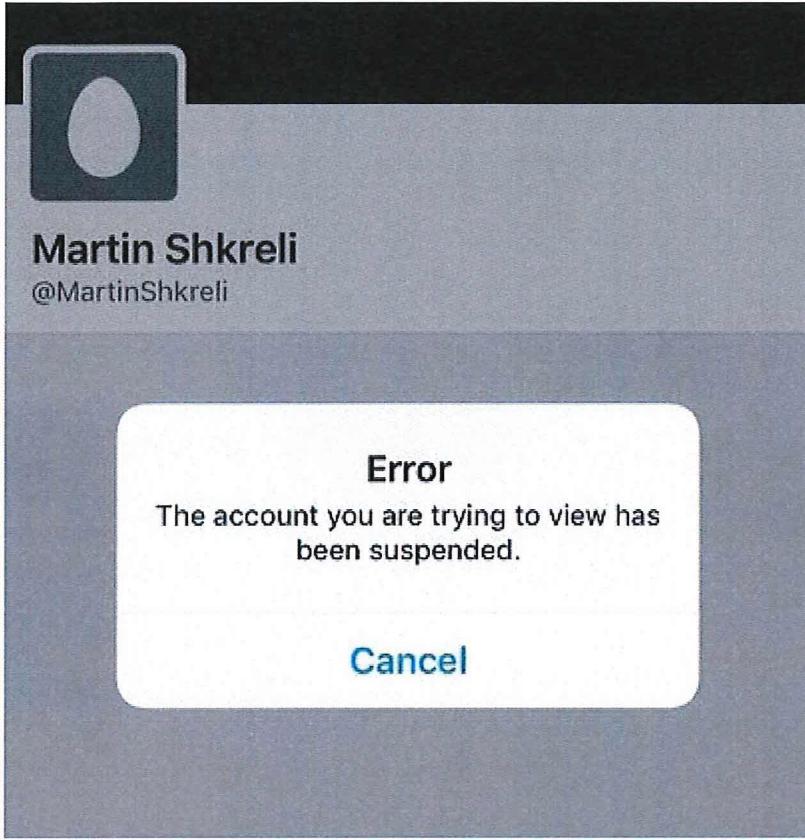
Twitter

**Twitter representatives did not immediately respond to requests for comment on whether Shkreli's actions constituted harassment.**



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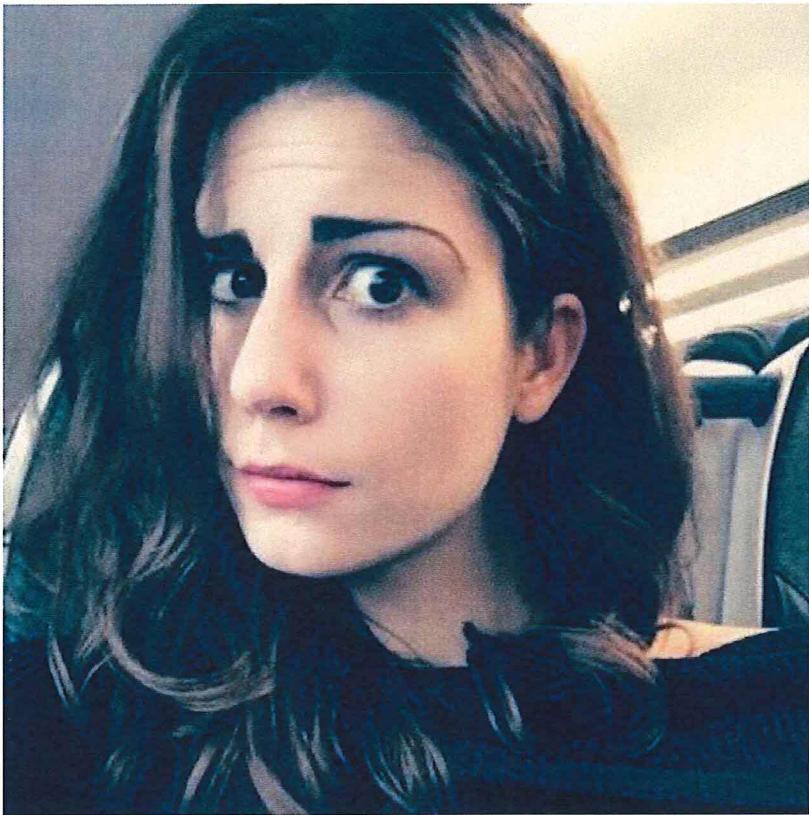
**However, after BuzzFeed News first contacted Twitter, Shkreli's account was subsequently suspended from the network.**



Twitter

A company spokesperson then told BuzzFeed News, "The Twitter Rules prohibit targeted harassment, and we will take action on accounts violating those policies."

**BuzzFeed News then informed Duca that Shkreli's account had been suspended, to which she responded: "He's an entitled creep and absolutely deserves to have his account suspended —perhaps indefinitely."**



Lauren Duca/Twitter

"I think Martin should know that under no circumstances would I touch him with a 10-foot pole," she said. "It has nothing to do with Donald Trump, but with the fact that he has committed an act of pharmaceutical terrorism."

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